



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held February 22, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“Graffiti is a serious and pervasive problem affecting all residents, property owners, businesses and citizens in Los Angeles County. Millions of public and private dollars are spent annually to clean up and combat graffiti vandalism.

“The presence of graffiti has been proven to increase the occurrence of crime. Graffiti decreases the quality of life in our communities; neighborhoods are threatened and the public feels its safety is at risk. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has instituted a zero tolerance policy countywide for the eradication of graffiti.

“The Department of Public Works’ community outreach and public awareness campaign TAG (Totally Against Graffiti) initiated ‘The Difference Between Art and Graffiti’ Contest, in a collaborative effort involving the community, law enforcement, the private sector, businesses and other County Departments in the fight against graffiti.

“‘The Difference Between Art and Graffiti’ contest encouraged the community to show off its artistic talents through an art contest where the grand prize winner’s art work will be painted on the hood of a NASCAR race car which will be racing at California Speedway on February 26, 2005.”

“The Department of Parks and Recreation sponsored the kick off event, ‘Art in the Park Day,’ at Valleydale Park in Azusa on January 22, 2005. Thousands of entries were received, and a Grand Prize winner, Dakota Schuetz, was selected.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, declared February 26, 2005 as "The Difference Between Art and Graffiti Day," throughout Los Angeles County; and congratulated Dakota Schuetz for winning the grand prize for his artwork which will be displayed at the February 26, 2005 NASCAR race.

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Acting Director of Public Works

Letter:

- Mr. Dakota Schuetz